

MIZUKI et al.
Appl. No. To be Assigned
February 10, 2004

REMARKS

This is a divisional of Serial No. 10/294,760. The parent application was allowed December 1, 2003. Claims 1-3 and 11-12 have been canceled. Thus, claims 4-10 are pending.

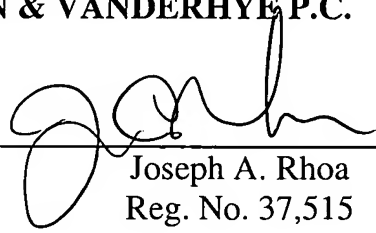
There should be no double-patenting issue in view of the Restriction Requirement dated June 23, 2003 in the parent application.

If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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